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TAGS: PORG, UNGA, XF

SUBJECT: UNGA- PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH CENTER ON
PALESTINIAN RIGHTS

REFS: A)STATE 262801; B)USUN 4328; C)USUN 4407

1. MISSION SHOULD DO ITS UTMOST TO HEAD OFF FORMAL INTRODUCTION OF THIS PROPOSAL SINCE WE EXPECT IT WOULD BE ASSURED AN AUTOMATIC MAJORITY ONCE ON THE FLOOR. WE ARE SOMEWHAT ENCOURAGED BY THE APPARENT LACK OF ACTIVE SUPPORT AMONG THE MODERATE ARABS AND WITHIN THE COMMITTEE ITSELF. WE ALSO MAY BE ABLE TO PLAY ON ANY LATENT RESENTMENT WHICH THE PLO MAY HAVE AROUSED BY ITS INDEPENDENT AND SOMEWHAT ARBITRARY ACTION. WE SUGGEST YOU CONSULT WITH CHAIRMAN FALL, IN THE FIRST INSTANCE, TO SEE IF HE MIGHT BE HELPFUL.

2. YOU MAY WISH TO DRAW ON THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS IN EXPRESSING TO FALL U.S. CONCERN AT IMPLICATIONS OF THIS INITIATIVE:

-- THE UNITED STATES HAS STRONG RESERVATIONS ON BOTH POLITICAL AND FINANCIAL GROUNDS REGARDING THE WISDOM OF THE PLO PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A CENTER ON PALESTINIAN RIGHTS.

-- WE BELIEVE THE CENTER COULD HAVE AN EFFECT OPPOSITE TO THAT ENVISAGED. IT WOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO DEVELOPMENT OF A BROAD INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS ON THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE, SINCE IT WOULD NOT ENJOY THE SUPPORT OF THE U.S. AND, IN ALL PROBABILITY, OTHER KEY WESTERN MEMBERS.
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-- EFFORTS TO RECONVENE THE GENEVA CONFERENCE WILL NOT BE HELPED BY CREATION OF A NEW UN BODY TO STUDY AND PUBLICIZE THE PALESTINIAN ISSUE.

-- WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT PURPOSES THE PLO MAY HAVE IN MIND, BUT WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD NOT SUPPORT THIS INITIATIVE WITHOUT THOROUGHLY STUDYING ITS POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS.

3. YOU ALSO MAY WISH TO DISCUSS PROPOSAL WITH MODERATE ARABS AND SYMPATHETIC COMMITTEE MEMBERS SUCH AS INDIA. YOU MIGHT MAKE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL POINTS WITH MODERATE ARABS:

-- PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE HAS NOT SERVED ARAB INTERESTS SINCE IT HAS BEEN A SOURCE OF FRICTION

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